(d) No; hence the necessity for exemption, as explained in the answer to part (a).

(e) The policy of the Government has been to encourage private agencies, provided economy would be promoted, and the educational interests of the locality would not suffer thereby and to open new Government schools in backward areas with the funds set free.

Complaints from teachers, &c., regarding supersession of claims for promotion.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

256. During the last 3 years how many complaints have been received by the Director and the Diwan, from teachers and other servants of the Educational Department regarding supersession of claims for promotion, and in how many cases have the original orders been modified?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

A perusal of the records of the period shows that 81 complaints were presented to the Director and 20 to the Diwan. Of the former, the original orders in 3 cases, and of the latter in 2 cases, were revised.

Appointments of School Finals only in the School Department.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

257. (a) Is it a fact that the Director of Public Instruction has issued a circular to the effect that none but School Finals should be employed as teachers in the schools of the State, Government and aided, although the *Educational Code* does not require that qualification?

(b) If the answer is in the affirmative, is there any special reason for it, and have exemptions been given since then, and if so, who are the persons exempted?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

(a) No such circular has been issued. With a view to improve the staffs of aided schools, the Inspecting Officers were directed to advise the Managers of aided schools to appoint, as far as possible, complete School Finals, since such hands are available in large numbers.

(b) In view of the answer to part (a) of the question, no answer is necessary.

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Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

Will the Government be pleased to say whether the directions given to the Inspecting Officers are written or oral?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

Written, of course. They are circulars, and circulars cannot be oral.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

Was a circular issued ?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

No special circular has been issued.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

Will the Government also be pleased to state whether the advice given to the Managers by the Inspecting Officers are written or oral?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

That is left to the Inspecting Officers.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

My question is : Does the Government know whether it is written or oral ?

PRESIDENT.

The first question is: Have the Inspecting Officers given any advice to the Managers? Have the Inspecting Officers, as a matter of fact, advised the Managers, and if so, whether it was written or not ?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

They are expected to advise, but there is no absolute necessity that it should be written.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

Has any appointment been made by the Managers subsequent to the directions given by the Director?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

School Final hands are available.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

That is not the answer to my question. My question is whether the Director of Public Instruction dissapproved of any appointment subsequent to the issuing of the order ?

PRESIDENT.

Has any case come to the notice of the Director of new School Finals being appointed?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

They may have been appointed. I cannot say exactly.

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Mr. GEORGE CHAKYAMURI.

There were such appointments.

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

They submit a list, and in that they make recommendations, and I approve accordingly.

PRESIDENT.

Was any case of such appointment brought to your notice and disapproved, that is, of non-School Finals being appointed?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

I cannot definitely say. More or less I act on the recommendation of the Inspecting Officers. Here I cannot say anything now.

The lowest qualification for a teacher in Malayalam Schools.

Mr. I. E. AMBOOKAN.

258. (a) Will the Government be pleased to state the lowest qualification that is insisted on to have at present for a teacher to be newly appointed in the lowest class of a Malayalam School?

(b) Will they also be pleased to state the lowest qualification that is allowed to a teacher now in service in class IV of the Malayalam School conducted by Government and that by private agencies?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

(a) Form VI course, as laid down in Art: 52 of the *Educational Code*.

(b) The lowest qualification would depend on the rules in force at the time of appointment. The department makes no distinction between Sirkar and aided schools.

Religious Instruction in Schools.

Mr. POULO MAMPILLI.

259. Will the Government be pleased to state (a) why the Director of Public Instruction recently issued an order to the Manager, St. Mary's School, Narakkal, demanding that religious instruction could be given before 10 a. m., after 4 p. m. or during the noon interval?

(b) In view of the Proceedings of the Diwan, Dis. No. 241/R/91, dated 20th March 1916, was the action of the Director right? If not, will the Government be pleased to state what action it has taken in the matter?

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